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1. Erfurt contains very few Russian troops. The number of Russians employed by the civil administration has, however, increased.
2. In the Gotha (J-06) - Ohrdruf (J-15) - Arnstadt (J-25) area there is a strong concentration of Russian troops. A figure of 100,000 is mentioned. Troops observed included heavy and light tank units, artillery units, and units with field rocket launchers. During August 1947 the Russians established many fuel dumps in the woods in the area. Whole villages have had to be evacuated by the German population. The reason given was that maneuvers were to take place, starting on 25 September 1947.
3. Airborne units are reported to be stationed in the neighborhood of Gotha.
4. No fortifications were to be seen in the neighborhood of Bad Berk (J-46), nor anywhere in the Bad Berk - Tannroda (J-45) - Blankenhain (J-55) triangle. Until mid-September 1947 the path south of Bad Berka through the Danbachsgrund to the Berka-Blankenhain road was closed. A camp for about 100 Red Army soldiers was in the neighborhood and sharp-shooting exercises were carried out.
5. Weimar-Nohra Airfield is now used as a troop training ground. Target practice with light guns and mortars takes place there. The Südhorst is fully occupied by troops with black shoulder straps edged with red. Twenty 85 mm A.A. guns were seen on the field.
6. The Ettersberg (J-47), north of Weimar, has been closed to the public since 20 September 1947. The main road from Weimar to the village of Ettersberg has been closed by a wooden fence. Gentries are on duty day and night.
7. On 29 August 1947 at least 100 assault guns were seen travelling from west to east along the Eisenach-Weimar Autobahn. They were described as German "Königstiger".
8. Near Meiningen (H-82), along the Russian-U.S. Zone border tank traps up to eight meters deep are being dug by women conscripted in the neighborhood. In the same district a small ditch has been dug and electrified wire inserted.

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9. [redacted]  
[redacted] Lt. Col. Jakoviev is head of the Reparations  
Branch of the Komendatura in Weimer.

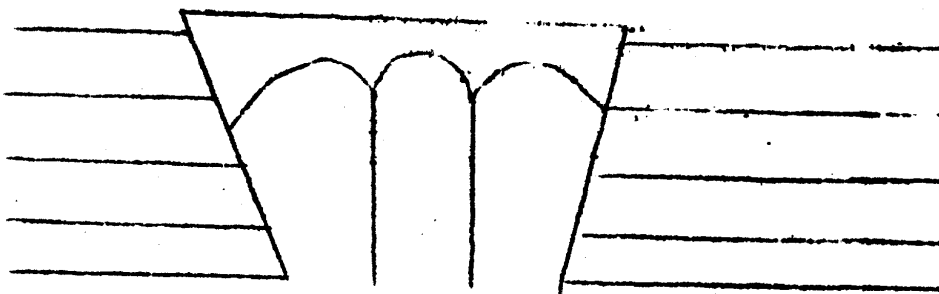
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10. On 1 October 1947 an unspecified number of tanks (T-34s, Tigers, and Panthers) was unloaded at Waltershausen (H-95), Georgenthal (J-05), and Ohrdruf (J-15) stations. Motorized artillery and AT units were also unloaded. [redacted] some 55,000 troops had arrived in the area from the east during the preceding four days. All the troops were quartered in the Ohrdruf - Georgenthal - Friedrichroda (H-95) - Waltershausen area.

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11. [redacted] the bridge over the Saale at Saalfeld had been repaired in reinforced concrete. It can take a load of seventy tons. The bridge has two vertical supports and three arches, as in sketch below:



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